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PREVIOUSLY

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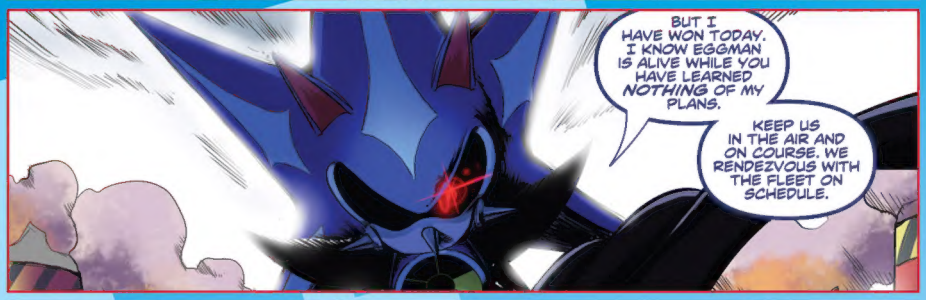
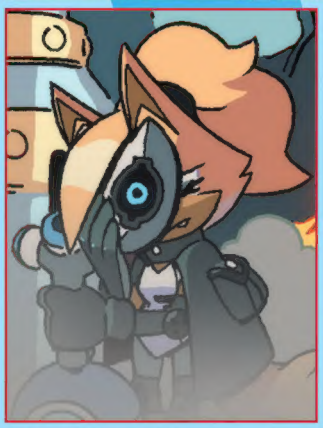
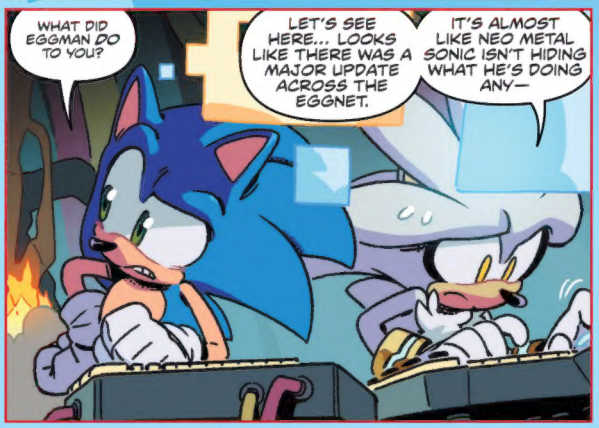
NEO METAL SONIC.


BUT I HAVE WON TODAY. I KNOW EGGMAN IS ALIVE WHILE YOU HAVE LEARNED NOTHING OF MY PLANS.
KEEP US IN THE AIR AND ON COURSE. WE RENDEZVOUS WITH THE FLEET ON SCHEDULE.




WHAT DID EGGMAN DO TO YOU?
LET'S SEE HERE... LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS A MAJOR UPDATE ACROSS THE EGGNET.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE NEO METAL SONIC ISN'T HIDING WHAT HE'S DOING ANY—

THE MASTER EMERALD. "THE CONTROLLER."
ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL GEMS IN THE WORLD, WITH THE ABILITY TO NEUTRALIZE THE CHAOS EMERALDS.
SO COME TO ME, SONIC. AS YOURSELF, OR AS SUPER SONIC.
EITHER WAY...
...YOU WILL BE POWERLESS TO STOP ME.

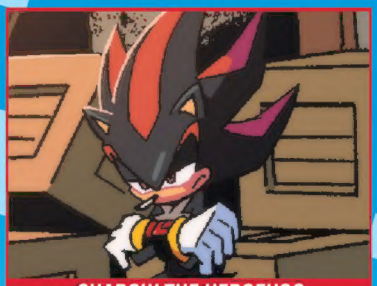
ROLL CALL

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

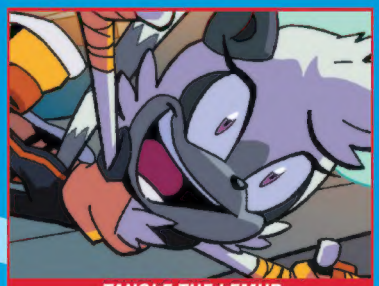
MILES "TAILS" PROWER
Tech-savvy Sidekick.
Resistance pilot.

AMY ROSE
Piko Hammer Hero.
Resistance core staff.

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
Guardian of the Master Emerald.
Resistance leader.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
The Ultimate Lifeform.
Team Dark leader.

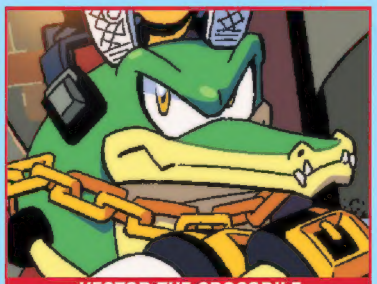


TANGLE THE LEMUR
Excitable New Hero.
Resistance ally.

ROUGE THE BAT
Super-spy.
Team Dark intelligence.

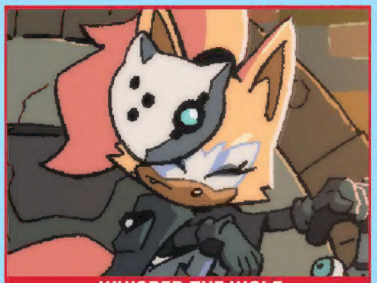
BLAZE THE CAT
Fire-powered Princess.
Resistance ally.

ESPIO THE CHAMELEON
Ninja Detective.
Chaotix Detective Agency.



VECTOR THE CROCODILE
The Rock Croc.
Chaotix Detective Agency.

CHARMY BEE
Heroic Youngster.
Chaotix Detective Agency.



WHISPER THE WOLF
Silent Sniper.
Resistance ally.

SILVER THE HEDGEHOG
Psychic from the Future.
Resistance ally.

NEO METAL SONIC
Mechanical Mastermind.
Eggman Empire.

"I AM NEO METAL SONIC. I AM DR. EGGMAN'S GREATEST CREATION. I AM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG—PERFECTED.
"I HAVE USED THE EGG FLEET TO CONQUER ANGEL ISLAND.
"I HAVE SECURED THE MASTER EMERALD—THE MOST POWERFUL GEMSTONE IN THE WORLD.
"I HAVE BAITED THE 'HEROES' INTO BRINGING ME THE LAST THING I NEED FOR MY ASCENSION."

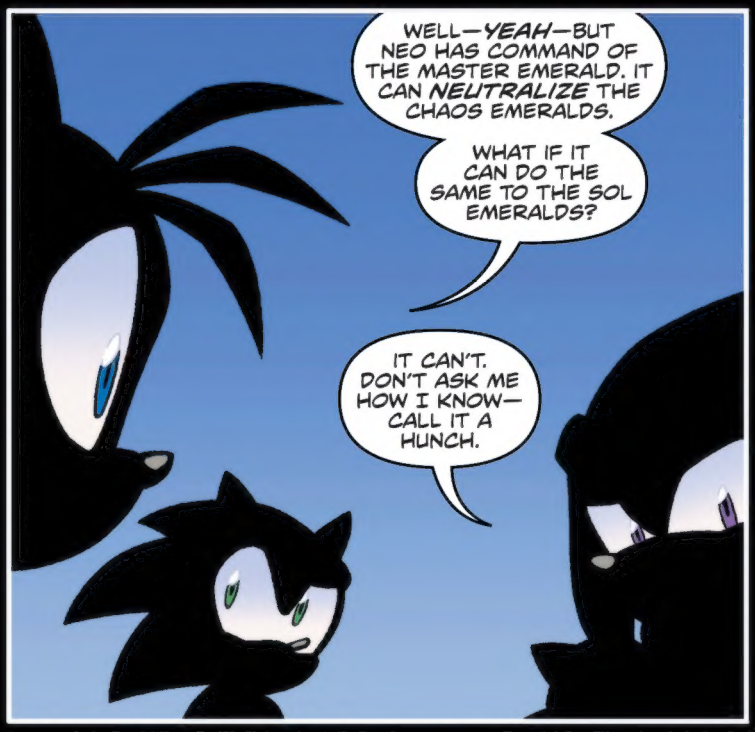
"I HAVE WON!"

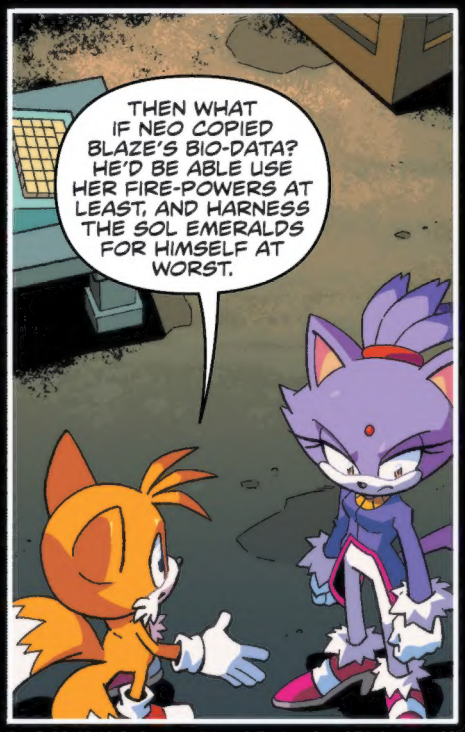
RESISTANCE HQ.
THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING SO QUICKLY.
YEAH— WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL OF YOU!

NEO METAL SONIC HAS TAKEN OVER MY ISLAND! HE'S TURNED IT INTO A FLYING FORTRESS!
AND BUILT THAT... THAT THING OVER THE MASTER EMERALD!
I NEVER SHOULD'VE LEFT...
YOU WERE HELPING US DOWN HERE.
AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU GET YOUR HOME BACK.
WE'RE GOING TO SPLIT INTO THREE TEAMS.
TEAMS ONE AND TWO WILL ATTACK THE SHORELINES AND BREAK THE EGG FLEET'S CONTROL OF THE ISLAND.
TEAM THREE WILL CONFRONT NEO METAL SONIC HERE.
THEY'LL SECURE THE MASTER EMERALD AND ROB THE FLEET OF ITS COMMANDER.

I'M ON TEAM THREE!
I THINK EVERYONE ASSUMED THAT, KNUX.
MAY I OFFER A MORE DIRECT OPTION, AMY?
OF COURSE!
I COULD CONFRONT NEO METAL SONIC AS BURNING BLAZE.
WHA-HA-HA-AT?! THAT'D BE AMAZING!
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
???
AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, IF SONIC CAN MANAGE TO GATHER UP THE SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS, HE CAN USE THEIR POWER TO TRANSFORM INTO SUPER SONIC.
ON MY WORLD, WE HAVE SIMILAR GEMS CALLED SOL EMERALDS. WITH THEIR POWER, I CAN BECOME BURNING BLAZE.
IT IS THEIR POWER THAT BROUGHT ME HERE. AS THEIR GUARDIAN, I HAVE KEPT THEM CLOSE ALL THIS TIME.
THEY ARE NOT TO BE WIELDED RECKLESSLY, BUT I BELIEVE THIS CRISIS WOULD JUSTIFY THEIR USE.

HMM... MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T...
WHY NOT? THAT WOULD BE AWESOME!


WELL—YEAH—BUT NEO HAS COMMAND OF THE MASTER EMERALD. IT CAN NEUTRALIZE THE CHAOS EMERALDS.
WHAT IF IT CAN DO THE SAME TO THE SOL EMERALDS?
IT CAN'T. DON'T ASK ME HOW I KNOW—CALL IT A HUNCH.


THEN WHAT IF NEO COPIED BLAZE'S BIO-DATA? HE'D BE ABLE USE HER FIRE-POWERS AT LEAST, AND HARNESS THE SOL EMERALDS FOR HIMSELF AT WORST.

SORRY, BLAZE. BUT IT'S PROBABLY SAFER IF YOU STAY AWAY FROM NEO.
IT'S FINE. THANK YOU FOR LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

BUT—NEO SHOULDN'T BE ANYWHERE NEAR THE FLEETS. BLAZE, I WANT YOU TO BE TEAM ONE! SONIC AND KNUCKLES WILL BE TEAM THREE, SO EVERYONE ELSE—WE'RE TEAM TWO!
EVERYBODY TO THE BATTLESHIP! LET'S GO LIBERATE ANGEL ISLAND!

SOON...
I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING TO HELP. I KNOW CROWDS AREN'T REALLY YOUR THING.
S'OKAY.
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME SPACE. BE SAFE DOWN THERE, OKAY?
YOU TOO.
I SHARE THE SENTIMENT. I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE FOR A BIG TEAM-UP.
I'M HERE FOR MY OWN REASONS.
MMM... OF COURSE YOU ARE.

ARE YOU SURE THAT ONE CAN BE TRUSTED?
WHISPER? SURE! SHE CERTAINLY LIKES TO KEEP HER DISTANCE...
KINDA REMINDS ME OF HOW A CERTAIN PRINCESS USED TO BE...
HEH. I SUPPOSE I WAS A BIT... DEFENSIVE... WHEN WE ALL FIRST MET.
AND NOW I MARCH TO WAR WITH THE LOT OF YOU.
IT'S GOING TO BE ROUGH OUT THERE. PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON YOUR OWN.
DO NOT WORRY. WE'LL WIN THE DAY.
HAHA! YOU'RE RIGHT. I NEED TO STAY POSITIVE!
I LEARNED FROM THE BEST.

YOU'RE NOT USING YOUR MIND-POWERS TO CHEAT, ARE YA?
N-NO! I CAN'T REALLY—
OR USING YOUR FUTURE-KNOWLEDGE?!
IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT!
RELAX! I'M JUST MESSING WITH YA!
O-OH. SORRY, I'M NOT USED TO...
...WAITAMINUTE...
AW, MAN... YOUR HAND'S WORSE THAN MINE.
C'MON! JUST TRY TO PLAY A HAND. IT'LL GET YOUR MIND OFF THINGS.
NO. MY ISLAND NEEDS ME. I HAVE NO TIME FOR GAMES.
SO... YOU'RE JUST GOING TO STAND THERE UNTIL WE ARRIVE?
YES.
SUIT YOURSELF.

SMOOTH SAILING, CAP'N?
STEADY AS SHE GOES. WHAT BRINGS YOU UP HERE?
I GUESS I'M TOO EXCITED TO HANG WITH EVERYONE ELSE.
WE'LL BE AT ANGEL ISLAND ANY MINUTE NOW, AND THE BEST PLACE TO BE IS WITH MY WINGMAN.
THANKS, PARTNER. WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS.
WE ALWAYS DO.
KA-BLAM
AND HERE WE WERE HAVING A MOMENT...
NEO ISN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES! THE ENTIRE EGG FLEET IS BOMBARDING US!
YOU AND KNUCKLES GRAB YOUR EXTREME GEAR! I'LL GET US AS CLOSE AS I CAN, BUT—
KA-BLAM
GOOD LUCK, BUDDY!
KA-BLAM

BLAZE! I'M GOING TO PUT US DOWN ON THE WEST COAST! YOU'LL HAVE TO FLY TO YOUR TARGET FROM HERE!
UNDERSTOOD.
DON'T THINK ABOUT HOW HIGH WE ARE. FOCUS ON THE MOMENT...
FWOOSH
FWOOSH

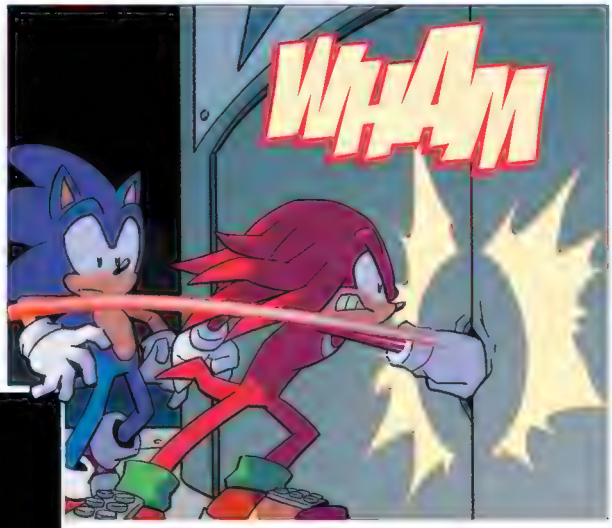
TAILS! WE'VE GOT TO GO!
I KNOW! I KNOW! I'M JUST PUTTING IN THE FINAL TRAJECTORY—!
GO! GO! GO!!!
WHA-BOOM

VECTOR! YOU LEAD TEAM CHAOTIX! STICK TOGETHER AND DO YOUR THING!
SILVER! WRECK STUFF!
ROUGE! YOU AND SHADOW...
WAIT! WHERE IS SHADOW?!
DID YOU REALLY THINK HE'D FOLLOW ORDERS?
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER. WELL THEN—I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO HANDLE THE GUNS!
CONSIDER IT DONE!
TANGLE! WHISPER! COVER TAILS WHILE HE DOES SOMETHING SMART!
HAHA! WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?
I DON'T KNOW! YOU'RE THE GENIUS!

I MUST FINISH MY MISSION HERE QUICKLY. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE MY FRIENDS TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES FOR TOO LONG.
HEH... MY FRIENDS. I'VE NOT HAD THEM IN MY LIFE FOR LONG...
...BUT I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO KEEP THEM SAFE!
WHA-
BOOM

WELL... THAT'S OVERT.
WE'RE NOT HERE FOR SIGHT-SEEING. LET'S GET MOVING!

SENSE ANYTHING?
...NO. THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER IS CUT OFF FROM ME.


WHAM

CREEEEEEEEEEK

DIBS ON NEO.
PSSHT, IF YOU'RE FAST ENOUGH TO GET TO HIM FIRST.

IT'S OVER, POINTY. OUR FRIENDS ARE WRECKING YOUR STUFF, AND WE'RE HERE TO STOP YOU.
RELEASE THE MASTER EMERALD! NOW!
THE RESISTANCE'S PALTRY EFFORTS DO NOT CONCERN ME.
ONE BY ONE, THEY'LL ALL BECOME A BLACK MARK ON THE FLOOR.
AND YOU TWO ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO MY POWER.
SAYS YOU! LET'S GET HIM, KNUX!
FWASH

GREAT. JUUUUUST GREAT.
WELL? WEREN'T YOU GOING TO "STOP ME?"
COME. SHOW ME WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF.
NEXT TIME: SONIC & KNUCKLES VS. SUPER NEO METAL!

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hey Sonic fans! It looks like the team is in trouble! How are they going to stop SUPER Neo Metal Sonic? What a crazy ending to part one of "The Battle for Angel Island." Check back next time for more of the adventure by Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley!, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee!

While we're all hanging onto that cliffhanger, let's check out some of your crazy cool art, cosplay, and letters!

My name is Raphael, I'm 13 years old and I'm from Australia. My brother Linden and I have been HUGE fans of the Sonic genre and the Sonic Archie comics since we were little and are happy to see these comics being published! I also freehand copied this picture of Tails from the Sonic Mania trailer. Tails is my favourite character. Knuckles is Linden's favourite character.

Your Fan,
Raphael Alston

Hi Raphael,

What a fantastic drawing of Tails! We'll definitely be seeing more of him AND Knuckles in the upcoming issues. It's so cool that you and your brother are both fans of Sonic, and we're sure that both of you make as good of a team as Tails and Knuckles!

Art by Raphael Alston

Hello folks at IDW!

I would like to say I'm really excited about the new Sonic series. I've read the first few issues and they've been so good that I sometimes for a moment can't stand the fact that I have to wait a whole month for the suspense to clear up! I've read some graphic novels of the older series, but this is the first comic book series I've subscribed to, and no others have come yet. I've been drawing since I was 6 or 7 and I have made a lot of my own superhero characters and the villains they have to go up against. Then when I was about 10, I was in my local library and I saw a graphic novel that had been misplaced on the comic book stand that was titled, "Sonic the Hedgehog: Countdown to Chaos." I had thought Sonic was kinda cool and I had played a couple games, but when I found that book, I became a diehard Sonic fan. I loved that book so much and decided to start drawing Sonic and reading more. I have since then only gotten better at drawing him. I've attached one of my best Sonic drawings. I worked really hard at it, and would love to see it in print. See ya!

Caius Hamel

Art by Caius Hamel

Hey Caius,

That's an awesome action shot of our favorite blue blur! We can tell that you worked super hard on it. And such a cool story of how you became a Sonic fan! Thanks for taking a chance on your chance encounter and never looking back. Keep on drawing, because we're definitely a fan of this picture!

Dear Editorial Team,

My name's Ted, and for as long as I can remember, I've been a Sonic fan. (Considering that I turned 30 this past January, that's a looong time!) I've been with the Blue Blur since the very beginning, back in 1991. I've followed his many adventures over the years across countless video games, four cartoon series, two anime series, and over 400 issues of comics, both American and British.

So, you can imagine my surprise and dismay when, in early 2017, the long-running North American Sonic

Art by Kai Toro

comic was cancelled, after nearly 300 issues. I was equally surprised when it was announced, a mere two days later, that IDW had picked up the comic license, and brought over much of the creative team that made the first series such a joy to read.

You can certainly bet that I had very high expectations regarding this new series. And you know what? Not only did the comic meet my expectations, it ran my expectations over like Badnik that just got Spin Dashed, picked up the shattered remains, and Spin Dashed them again. I felt like a kid again when I picked up the first issue, and I continue to get that feeling with each subsequent issue I read!

Seriously, you guys, keep up the incredible work! You're off to a great start, and I'm eager to see where these new adventures will take us! You've more than impressed this member of the old guard!

With much respect,
Ted Bjorndal

Hi Ted,

Thanks so much for your high praise! It's always nice to hear that longtime fans are enjoying the new series, especially from someone with as lengthy of a resumé as yours!

If you'd like your fanart, cosplay pictures, or letters to show up in this very space, send them to letters@idwpublishing.com, include your name, and mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" Also, don't forget to join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad Facebook Group to see even more amazing art and keep up-to-date with all the latest info on your favorite comic! We'll see you next month when Sonic and his friends take on *gulp* Super Neo Metal Sonic!

Art by Joseph Arena

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"MAKE THE NEXT RIGHT TURN."
TURN RIGHT ONTO... OVERLY... OMINOUS... AVENUE.
YOU'RE THE BOSS, PHONE!
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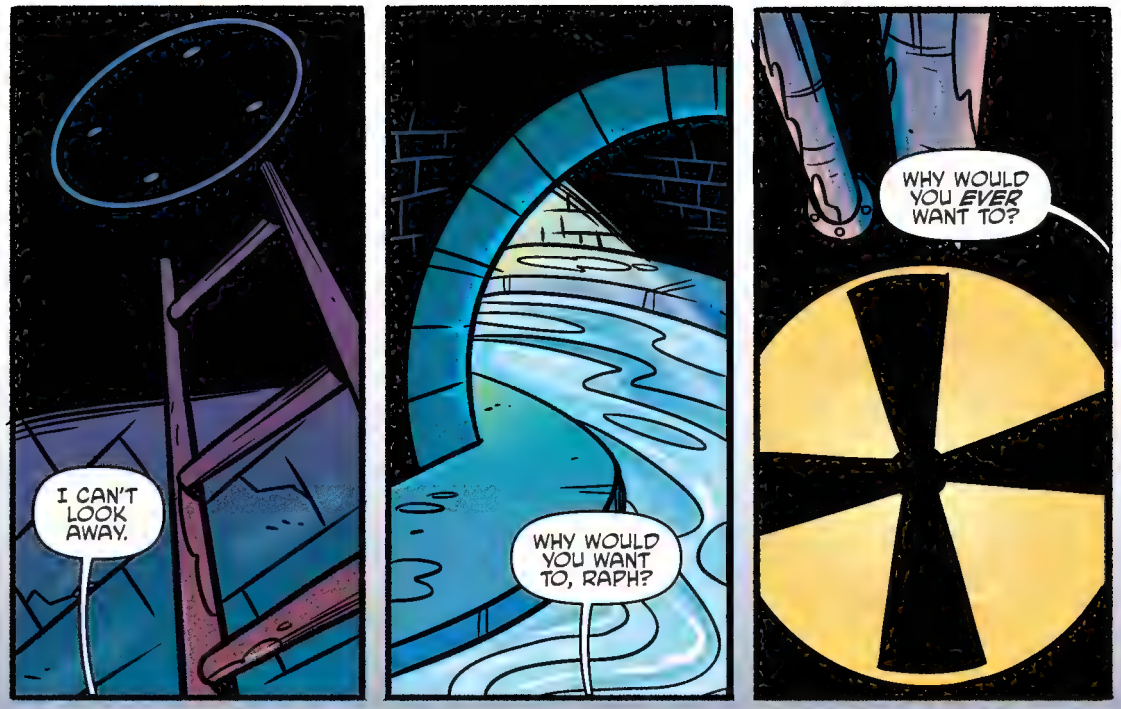
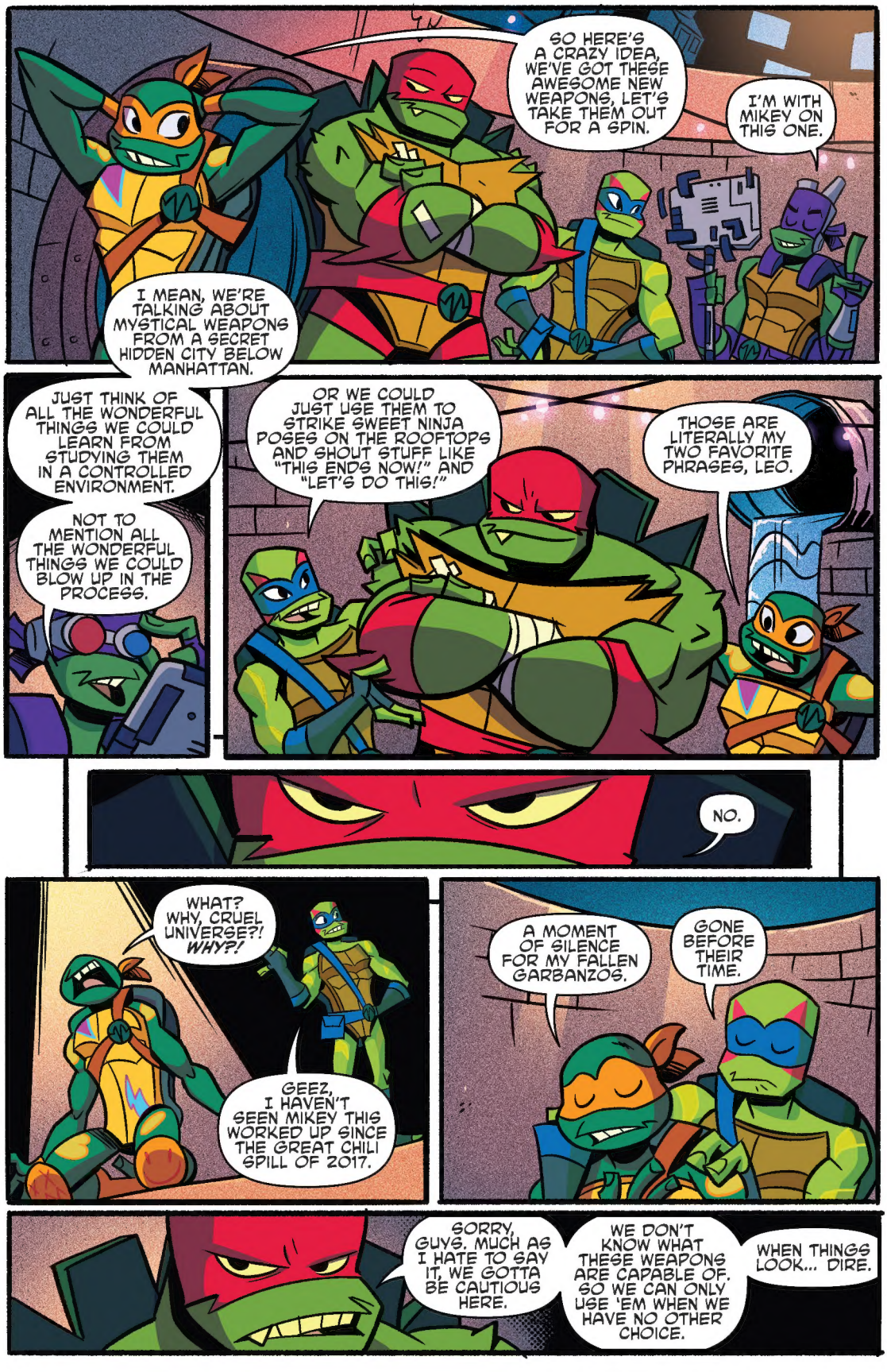
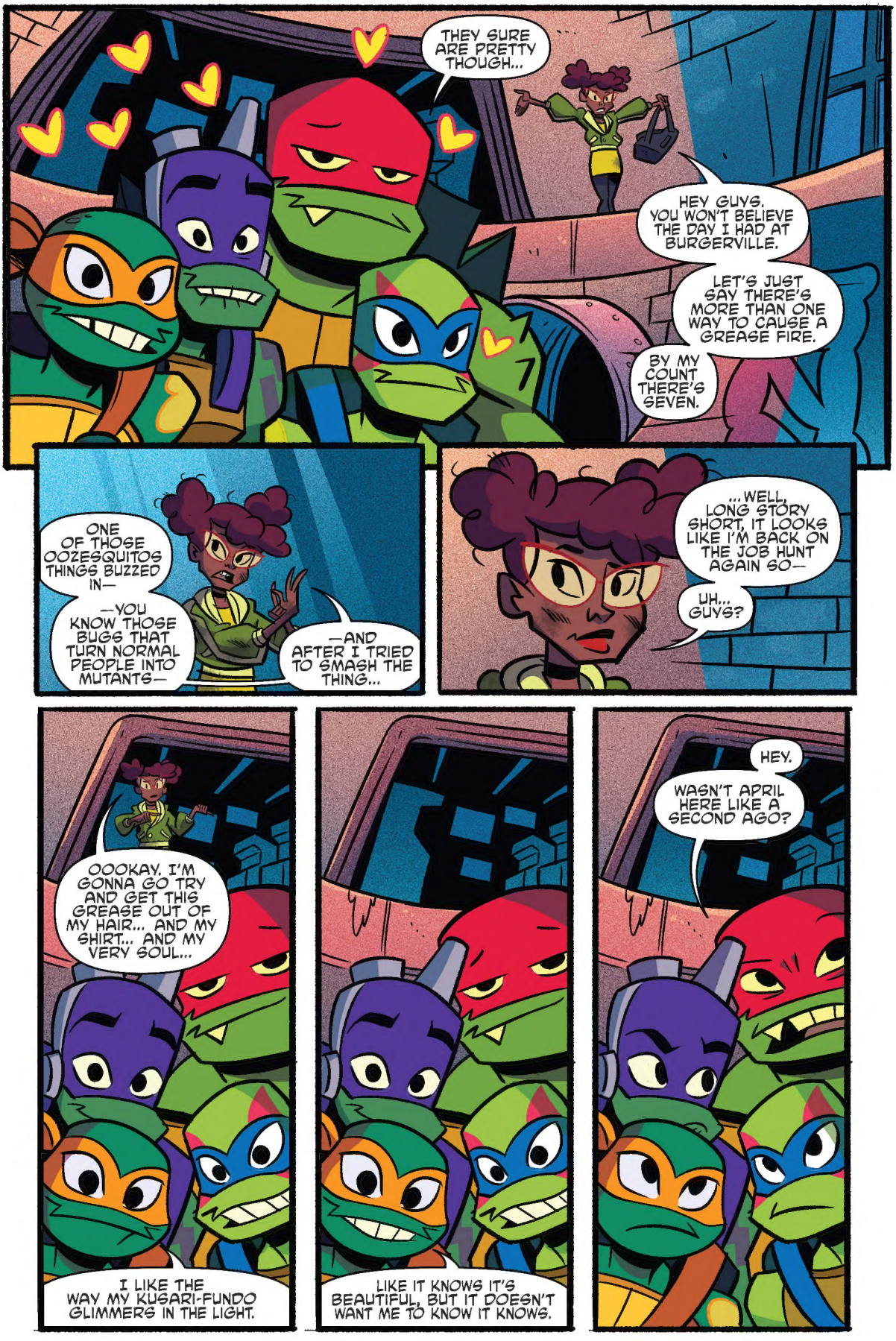
AHHHHH!!!!
RECALCULATING...
NYC
"...RECALCULATING..."


I CAN'T LOOK AWAY.
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO, RAPH?
WHY WOULD YOU *EVER* WANT TO?

>SNIFF<
I'M TEARING UP AGAIN, YOU GUYS.

THEY'RE JUST... SO... BEAUTIFUL.


SO HERE'S A CRAZY IDEA, WE'VE GOT THESE AWESOME NEW WEAPONS, LET'S TAKE THEM OUT FOR A SPIN.
I'M WITH MIKEY ON THIS ONE.
I MEAN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MYSTICAL WEAPONS FROM A SECRET HIDDEN CITY BELOW MANHATTAN.
JUST THINK OF ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS WE COULD LEARN FROM STUDYING THEM IN A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT.
NOT TO MENTION ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS WE COULD BLOW UP IN THE PROCESS.
OR WE COULD JUST USE THEM TO STRIKE SWEET NINJA POSES ON THE ROOFTOPS AND SHOUT STUFF LIKE "THIS ENDS NOW!" AND "LET'S DO THIS!"
THOSE ARE LITERALLY MY TWO FAVORITE PHRASES, LEO.
NO.
WHAT? WHY, CRUEL UNIVERSE?! WHY?!
GEEZ, I HAVEN'T SEEN MIKEY THIS WORKED UP SINCE THE GREAT CHILI SPILL OF 2017.
A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MY FALLEN GARBANZOS.
GONE BEFORE THEIR TIME.
SORRY, GUYS. MUCH AS I HATE TO SAY IT, WE GOTTA BE CAUTIOUS HERE.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THESE WEAPONS ARE CAPABLE OF. SO WE CAN ONLY USE 'EM WHEN WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
WHEN THINGS LOOK... DIRE.


THEY SURE ARE PRETTY THOUGH...
HEY GUYS. YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE DAY I HAD AT BURGERVILLE.
LET'S JUST SAY THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO CAUSE A GREASE FIRE.
BY MY COUNT THERE'S SEVEN.
ONE OF THOSE OOZESQUITOS THINGS BUZZED IN—
—YOU KNOW THOSE BUGS THAT TURN NORMAL PEOPLE INTO MUTANTS—
—AND AFTER I TRIED TO SMASH THE THING...
...WELL, LONG STORY SHORT, IT LOOKS LIKE I'M BACK ON THE JOB HUNT AGAIN SO—
UH... GUYS?
OOOKAY. I'M GONNA GO TRY AND GET THIS GREASE OUT OF MY HAIR... AND MY SHIRT... AND MY VERY SOUL...
I LIKE THE WAY MY KUSARI-FUNDO GLIMMERS IN THE LIGHT.
LIKE IT KNOWS IT'S BEAUTIFUL, BUT IT DOESN'T WANT ME TO KNOW IT KNOWS.
HEY.
WASN'T APRIL HERE LIKE A SECOND AGO?

YOU'RE RIGHT, RAPH! APRIL'S MISSING!
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, FEARLESS LEADER.
YEAH. IT'S A SITUATION MOST DIRE.
THERE'S NOT A SECOND TO WASTE.
NOW WE'RE TALKING!
GEAR UP, TURTLES...

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